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Editorially Speaking—

Failure of Our Intelligence

Out of the Cuban invasion fiasco of last week have developed two facts:

(1) The Central Intelligence Agency bobbed to organize the invasion attempt made by anti-Castro Cubans.

(2) The CIA's intelligence was sadly defective.

The invasion was hastily organized. The invaders were not aware of the extent to which Castro has equipped his army with modern Russian weapons, including tanks and MIG fighter planes. When they landed on the beaches, they were sitting ducks for the Cubans.

If our chief intelligence agency is so faulty in its reconnaissance in a country only a few miles from our own shores, it is easy to imagine the gaps in information about countries as far away as Russia.

President Kennedy has asked a complete investigation of the CIA. Certainly such an investigation is due. The faulty planning for the Cuban invasion has set back by months, at least, any further plans for Cuban insurrectionists to make another attempt. And it has enabled Castro to thumb his nose at the United States with what he believes to be complete impunity.

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